THE GREAT SILVER SALE

CARSON CITY SILVER DOLLARS

COLLECTORS ITEMS
UNCIRCULATED 1882-83-84

As we approach America's Bicentennial, this historic silver dollar is one of the most valued reminders of our national heritage.

Richard Nixon
President of the United States

U.S. GOVERNMENT SALE

- **collector's item**—the only coins with a double mint mark (CC). The now defunct Carson City U.S. Mint was the only one ever authorized to use more than one letter as its mint mark
- **uncirculated specimens**—these coins are an extraordinary value because they are exactly as found in the original sealed mint bags and were never in public circulation
- **the last of the 90% silver dollars**—today's U.S. coins have a maximum of 40% silver
- **mined from the Comstock Lode**—a true memento, these coins were made from the silver mined from the famous Comstock Lode
- **genuine 19th century coins**—these are not commemorative medals but rather real early American silver dollars
- **excellent for investments or gifts**—the value of these coins is high since the demand is great and the group to be offered is the end of the Government's holdings of the 1882-83-84 uncirculated Carson City Silver Dollars

Bid now for these historic coins, genuine mementos of our American heritage. Be sure you take advantage of this unique opportunity to own a rare collector's item, packaged in an attractive presentation case including an historical account of the Comstock Lode's silver treasure. Prize these coins yourself or present them as gifts to friends and family.

Minted in Carson City, these Silver Dollars are the last true remembrances of the Great Silver Bonanza and the Old West. They are sound investments, but most of all they are something you will be proud to own.

You may bid on only one coin of each year. The years to be offered are 1882, 1883, and 1884. The General Services Administration has established a minimum price for each coin, but you may bid above the price if you wish to improve your chances. If there are enough coins to go around, any amount bid over the minimum price ($30.00) will be refunded. However, if there are not enough to go around, coins will go to the highest bidders in descending order. Bids for The Great Silver Sale will be accepted until January 31, 1973. Complete the coupon below, include your check or money order and mail now before you miss this opportunity to own one of these famous Carson City Silver Dollars!

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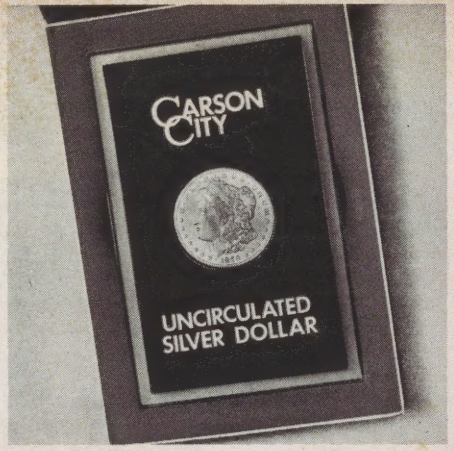
They said there was no God west of the Pecos and no Sunday west of Newton. Champagne and oysters in the saloons of Virginia City, Nevada. Hurdy-gurdy girls. Whiskey straight up. Fiery brews like the Minnie Rifle and the Chain Lightning. The time is 1864, boom time at the Washoe Range. They jam Silver City, Johntown and Gold Hill. The mines groan. The Comstock Lode is rich with silver. The blue grit that had clogged the gold panners' screens is precious. A branch mint is organized in Carson City and, by 1874, the Big Bonanza is on, as the Consolidated Virginia Mine strikes the largest gold and silver deposits in the history of the Comstock Lode. Ton after ton, the ore is minted into dimes, quarters, half eagles, double eagles, and the famous Carson City silver dollars.

But the cost of minting runs high, and the demand for the coins out West gets low. Operations cease at the mint and the building becomes an assay office. The time is 1893, and the Carson City silver dollars lie forgotten in their bags, forgotten throughout the silver melts of the early 1900s.

Now, the lost silver of the Old West, in the form of three million silver dollars, has been rediscovered in the vaults of the U. S. Treasury. Here is your chance to own one of these treasured souvenirs of the great days of the Old West.



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